

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 4, amend the paragraph beginning on line 12 and ending on line 13, as follows:

Fig. 5 is a horizontal cross-sectional view through a fastening device according to a second embodiment installed on a vessel ~~neck~~: neck;

Fig. 6 is a side elevational view of the first embodiment of the retainer ring 1 shown in Fig. 2 with a portion cut away to show interior detail;

Fig. 7 is a view similar to Fig. 6, but Fig. 7 shows the retainer ring 1 slightly rotated about its vertical axis;

Fig. 8 is a side elevational view of the second embodiment of the retainer ring 1 illustrated in Fig. 5; and

Fig. 9 is a view similar to Fig. 8, but in Fig. 9 the retainer ring 1 has been slightly rotated about its vertical axis, and Fig 9 shows a portion of the ring 1 partially cut away to illustrate interior detail.